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DESCRIPTION

Written for Web site administrators, developers, and end users, this book is a readable, real-world guide to securing your Web site with the latest in security technology, techniques, and tools. Lincoln D. Stein, keeper of the official Web Security FAQ, addresses your most pressing concerns and tells you exactly what you need to know to make your site more secure. He offers concise explanations of essential theory; helps you analyze and evaluate the risks that threaten your site and the privacy of your clients; and provides concrete, step-by-step solutions, checklists of do's and don'ts, on-line and off-line resources, and hardware and software tools that guard your site against security breaches.

Web Security approaches the topic from three different points of view-protecting the end user's confidentiality and the integrity of his or her machine, protecting the Web site from intrusion and sabotage, and protecting both from third-party avesdropping and tampering. You will learn about securing credit card transactions with the SET protocol document encryption with the SSL protocol how to guard end users against the dangers of active content and cookies monitoring and log tools controlling access with passwords, client certificates, and advanced login protocols remote authoring firewalls In addition, the book offers practical advice on configuring the operating system securely and eliminating unnecessary features that increase vulnerability. CGI scripts introduce many of the security problems that plague the Web, and this book shows how to avoid these breaches with safe CGI-scripting techniques. You will also learn how to avoid denial-of-service attacks and prevent LAN break-ins through the Web server.

After reading this book, you will have the practical knowledge you need to ensure that your Web site, and your clients' interests, are safe from attack.

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REVIEWS

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A guide for Web site administrators, developers, and end users, showing how to secure a Web site. Explains essential theory of security, tells how to evaluate risks that threaten a site, and provides solutions and checklists. Part I introduces cryptography and discusses specifics of the SSL and SEL protocols. Part II looks at Web security issues from an end-user's point of view and provides practical recipes for avoiding pitfalls. Part III, the longest section, deals with Web security from the Web site administrator's point of view, offering advice on aspects including configuration, controlling access, and CGI scripting. Includes chapter checklists. Book News, Inc.®, Portland, OR

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PREFACE

This is the "how not to shoot yourself in the foot" book about Web Security. Enough theory to be interesting, but not so much that it gets dry and academic. Enough war stories to be fun, but not so many that they overwhelm the rest. No political agenda. No favoritism.You'll find here nothing but practical, commonsense advice for sidestepping the hoard of little gotchas that plague the Web, plus a framework for deciding for yourself what to do about all the gotchas that are yet to be.

Who is this book for? The first third of the book deals with problems that are relevant to anyone who uses the Web: privacy threats, the potential of the Web to spread viruses and other malicious software, the practice and pitfalls of electronic commerce. The remainder gives advice directed to Webmasters, system administrators, system security officers and others who worry about their organization's Web site being broken into or their local area network being compromised by nasty stuff brought in by their employees' Web surfing. If you already run a Web site, you'll want to read this book through. If you're just a casual Web surfer, read the first part now, and safe the rest for later. If current trends continue, everyone ultimately will have a Web site and will have to worry about keeping it safe.

Web Security: A Step-by-Step Reference Guide began life about two years ago as the World Wide Web Security FAQ. I was concerned that new Web sites were going up at an amazing rate with little appreciation of the security implications, and dismayed that much of the advice being dispensed was incomplete or simply misinformed. So I put together thirty or so frequently asked questions (with answers) to advise Webmasters how to keep their sites safe from attack by unwanted intruders, and posted it on my Web site. Over a period of months the FAQ grew considerably as readers mailed in request for more information, suggestions, and in some cases contributed their own questions and answers. To the original sections on server-side security I added sections dealing with client-side (browser) security, privacy issues, sections on cryptography and digital money, and an ever-growing list of security holes in specific piece of software. In 1996 the first of an epidemic of Web site break-ins shook the Web; in its aftermath the number of "hits" on the FAQ grew tremendously. The FAQ is now mirrored on five continents and has been translated into Russian, Italian, and Chinese.

When my editor initially suggested I turn the FAQ into a book, I was skeptical. First of all, the information was already online. Secondly, the Web is changing so rapidly that any book on security issues is out of date by the time it hits the shelves. Finally, the whole FAQ was under 50 typeset pages and I was dubious that it could be bulked up into a full length book. To the first two objections my editor responded that printed books and the Web are complementary. Printed books provide depth and comprehensiveness. The Web provides vast breadth and information that is always (we hope) up to date. As for my last objection, the weighty answer to that is in your hands.

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